**IN THE CLAIMS**

1.   (Currently Amended) Flood protection wall, with ground anchors
     (2) to be embedded in concrete flush with the ground surface,
     and with support posts (4) releasably connectable to the ground
     anchors, with a coupling piece (3) each between the support
     posts 4 and the ground anchors (2), wherein the respective
     coupling piece (3) is connectable to the ground anchor (2) by a
     bayonet-type connection, and wherein the coupling piece (3) has
     a transverse bore (12) which is conically widened at both ends
     thereof, and wherein in these conically widened portions (13)
     which continue in oppositely located conical transverse bores
     (11) of the support post (4), a clamping piece (5 or 6) each is
     received, wherein these clamping pieces (5, 6) tighten in a
     frictionally engaging manner the support posts (4) in the ground
     anchor (2) within the bayonet-type closure by means of a screw
     (7) which is actuatable by means of an appropriate special
     wrench and clamp the support post (4) against the ground anchor
     (2), and ~~characterized in that~~ wherein between always two
     support posts (4) a wall element (17), which is bulging out
     toward the high water level, can be inserted.

2. (Currently Amended) Flood protection wall according to claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ <u>wherein</u> extension support posts (20) which are releasably connectable to the support posts (4), with a coupling piece (3) each between the support post (4) and the extension support post (20), wherein each coupling piece (3) can be connected to the support post (4) by a bayonet-type connection, and wherein the coupling piece (3) includes a transverse bore (12) which is conically expanded at both ends thereof and wherein in these conical expanded portions (13), which continue in oppositely located conical transverse bores (11) of the extension support post (20), a clamping piece (5 or 6) each is received, wherein these clamping pieces (5, 6) tighten in a frictionally engaging manner the extension support post (20) in the support post (4) within the bayonet-type closure (9), (10) by means of a screw (7) which can be actuated by means of an appropriate special key, and clamp the extension support post (20) relative to the post (4), and wherein always between two extensions posts (40) an additional wall element (21), also a wall element (21) which bulges toward the high water level, can be inserted.

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3.    (Currently Amended) The flood protection wall according to ~~claims 1 or 2, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the clamping pieces (5, 6) are seated with appropriate play in the conically widened portions (13) of the transverse bore (12) of the coupling pieces (3) and in the conical transverse bores (11) of the support posts (4) or the extension support posts (20), such that, when the screw (7) is tightened, the clamping pieces (5, 6) exert a wedge action for moving the coupling piece (3) upwardly and for moving the support post (4) or the extension support post (20) downwardly.

4.    (Currently Amended) Flood protection wall according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3, characterized by~~ claim 1, wherein a cover (23) for covering the ground anchor (2) when the support post (4) has been removed or for covering the support post (4) when the extension support post (20) has been removed.

5.    (Currently Amended) Flood protection wall according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover (23) can be coupled to the ground anchor (2) or the support post (4) by a bayonet-type connection.

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6. (Currently Amended) Flood protection wall according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the support posts (4) or the extension support post (20) have oppositely directed, longitudinally extending grooves (18) in which the lateral edges (19, 22) of the wall elements (17, 21) are held.

7. (Currently Amended) Flood protection wall according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a longitudinally extending seal is provided on the side of the grooves (18) facing away from the high water side.